

Allen Gang Leader Who Is On Trial

FLOYD ALLEN.



HOMER DAVENPORT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Great Cartoonist Develops Pneumonia While Making Sketches of Disaster.

By International News Service.
NEW YORK, May 2.—Homer Calvin Davenport, one of the greatest cartoonists of his generation and ranked in forcefulness as the successor of Tom Nash, died today of pneumonia after a short illness.

Mr. Davenport's last works were his cartoons upon the Titanic disaster. He finished one a week ago, and then hurried to a nearby restaurant for dinner. He had an engagement to go to the circus, and was to meet friends at the home of Mrs. Neith N. Cochran to go to the country with them.

At dinner he said he felt he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. When he arrived Mrs. Cochran's friends had gone and he waited for their return, but later he decided not to accompany them, and accepted an invitation to remain at Mrs. Cochran's home. She had known him since boyhood, and treated him as one of her own children.

He refused to have a physician and sent for a masseur. The masseur discovered that the cartoonist was very ill and physicians were called. Dr. Bayner took charge of him. Associated with him were Dr. Gill Wiley and Dr. Brown, the latter a specialist in pneumonia.

In the delirium that ensued, the cartoonist worked on Titanic pictures, using the bedclothes as a drawing board. His condition became worse until he lapsed into unconsciousness and breathed his last at 7 o'clock this evening.

He leaves a widow and three children, Homer, Jr., 17 years old, Mildred 15 and Gloria 10. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport separated a few years ago, she retaining the custody of the children.

A stepmother and five sisters reside in Oregon. The interment will probably be in that state.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IS AMENDED

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Carrying \$8,064,010 in addition to the appropriations provided for by the house, the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, aggregating \$32,126,550 has been agreed to by the senate committee on commerce and will be reported in a few days.

The largest single increase to the house measure was \$2,500,000 for the Mississippi river, making \$6,000,000 for that waterway.

Among the appropriations most increased by the senate committee are: Columbia river between Collio falls, \$500,000; Columbia river, Oregon, \$500,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, \$180,000; Los Angeles harbor, \$227,250; Oakland harbor, \$130,000; Nahalein bar and harbor, \$100,000; Yukon river, Alaska, \$150,000; Valdez, Alaska, \$55,000; Chicago harbor, \$350,000; Ohio river near Cairo, \$250,000.

EXPECTS MOFFAT ROAD WILL SOON BE PAYING

DENVER, May 2.—D. C. Dodge, who with S. M. Perry was appointed receiver for the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railway (Moffat road) yesterday, said today that plans are being formulated by which it is expected the railroad will be on a paying basis within a year. He also said that word had been received from Hallgarten & Co., one of the New York banking firms that placed the \$3,500,000 collateral notes for which the estate of David H. Moffat is liable, that they would be allowed in the meeting of the notes.

FLOOD WATERS COVER FINEST PLANTATIONS

Army of Men Find It Impossible to Close the Crevasse at Torras, La., and Are Rescued by Steamboat.

REFUGEES SEEKING PLACES OF SAFETY

Over 100,000 People Now Homeless and in Need of Food; Property Loss Will Amount to Millions.

By International News Service.
NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Giving up their unequal fight against the great floods pouring southward in the Mississippi, the colony of men who for twenty-four hours have been fighting to close the crevasse in the Torras levee were tonight rescued by a steamboat.

The flood water from the crevasse will inundate sections of eight parishes, but will be most destructive in Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes, where millions of dollars' worth of property is endangered and the finest sugar and rice plantations of the state probably will be covered with the flood waters.

The levee protecting the convict farm at Angola went out this afternoon and conditions are most serious tonight.

Rich Lands Covered.

The Angola break is across the river from Torras crevasse and less than six miles distant. The flood waters on this side of the river will cover thousands of acres of fine farming land along the east bank as far down as Bayou Sara and St. Francisville, and probably will return to the Mississippi near Morganza.

More than 10,000 people are homeless in the Torras region, and tonight are fleeing in panic to higher ground, which in many instances is several miles distant.

The Morgan levee, which is the highest in the world, except two dykes in Holland, is weakening, and it is feared that it will go out tonight. The crevasse in the Torras levee is nearly 1000 feet wide and it is rapidly crumbling.

Alarm at Baton Rouge.

At Baton Rouge the situation is causing serious apprehension. Although the crest of the flood will not reach there for several days, the river is already beyond flood stage.

The federal government is supplying rations to the homeless in the flooded area. The escape of people from their homes has been greatly impeded by the stampeding of animals turned loose by their owners, the frightened horses and cattle swimming up to many of the boats and rafts carrying away refugees from their homes.

The residents of Torras, relying implicitly on the strength of the levee, were taken by surprise when the break came. Consternation ensued. Before the streets were entirely submerged, however, most of the population managed to board passenger cars that had been kept in readiness and were taken out of town. Several hundred escaped by riding in freight cars.

No fatalities have been reported, but it is feared that there will be loss of life in the interior, as the water is rushing over the country so rapidly that it will be impossible to warn all points affected.

Thousands Homeless.

It is estimated that 115,000 homeless persons are being taken care of, largely through government efforts, in the refugee camps that have been established at various points during the last month. How many will be added to this number by the Torras break cannot be estimated, but it will be many thousands. The government has made provisions for handling several thousand at Baton Rouge.

Pointe Coupee parish is the heaviest loser by the late break, but the flood waters may extend over six or eight parishes. Fourteen parishes had been flooded before the Torras break occurred.

While citizens of Baton Rouge were doing all they could do for refugees brought in from Pointe Coupee parish last night, they also had a hard fight of their own. The water is within a foot of the top of the bags and it seems certain a portion of the city will be flooded. Only the wholesale district would be affected.

Appeals for Aid.

Many appeals for assistance were sent to Baton Rouge last night from persons in need of food and shelter. The homeless are constantly arriving at Baton Rouge and boats and trains are making trips as rapidly as possible. Although there will be suffering among the refugees before all are taken to Baton Rouge, it is said the chance of loss of life is remote.

Last night a steady rain was softening the already strained levees and adding to the volume of water.

A peculiar situation exists at Melville, La. There the Atchafalaya river levee in front of the town is holding, but water from a break five miles downstream is backing up and flooding the outskirts of the town. This is an old break.

THE ANNUAL JOKE.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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BOSS—"By the way, were there many people at your grandmother's funeral yesterday?"
OFFICE BOY—"Several thousand, sir."

HONOR PRISONERS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Three Desperate Men at Large in Nevada; Future of System in Doubt.

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 2.—All prisoners in the state road camps and on the state prison farm were returned to the penitentiary tonight by order of Warden Baker, but not early enough to prevent a third escape within twenty-four hours.

George James, considered one of the most dangerous men in the penitentiary, slipped out of the grounds during the confusion incident to the return of the "honor men." A posse with bloodhounds sent out on his trail met the empty-handed state police returning from a fruitless chase of Frank Webb and James Lyles, who took flight from the prison farm last night.

When Warden Baker was informed last Monday that he had been suggested he advised the prison board to call in all men in the camps and on the farm, lest escapes follow. No action was taken until today, when the warden's prediction was verified.

Nor was the third escape tonight unexpected. The prisoners were brought by guarded special train with their beds, bedding and baggage as near the penitentiary as the tracks ran, but still they had a mile to walk, and the arrival of so many men trooping through the gates at once was sure to tax discipline.

The future of the honor system, by which convicts were widely scattered over the state with only nominal supervision, is in doubt. What policy the new warden will take when he assumes office May 10 has not been announced.

JEROME TO APPEAR AT THE THAW HEARING

By International News Service.
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 2.—After hearing argument for and against the application of Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, for a jury trial to determine his sanity, Supreme Court Justice Keogh at White Plains today announced he would render his decision next week.

On application of William Travers Jerome, who appeared for the state and who said he must have at least three weeks to prepare his side of the case, Justice Keogh adjourned the habeas corpus proceedings, which were set down for trial on next Monday, until June 3.

Honors for Underwood.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—An unusual demonstration greeted Representative Oscar W. Underwood, majority leader, when he appeared in the house today, the chamber, which was crowded, rising in a body and cheering him because of his victory in the Georgia and Florida primaries. Speaker Clark, who was in the chair, looked on smilingly when the applause continued.

BRITISH WARSHIP REACHES VERA CRUZ

Mexicans Thought Bombardment Was in Progress When Salutes Were Fired.

MEXICO CITY, May 2.—For two days a battle has been raging at Chihuahua, Puebla, between the Zapatista forces numbering 2500 and 500 federalists. The federalists are said to have the advantage of position but the outcome of the engagement is still in doubt. The two Zapatista brothers, as well as the "terrible one-eyed" Moroles leaders, are there, having met for a council of war, when they were attacked by the federalists.

Despite the official statement of conditions near Cuernavaca, dispatches to the Imperial city that the city is menaced by a large force of rebels which advanced near the place since the federal garrison was reduced to protect the railroad.

Culiacan officially is reported to have been retaken by the government troops under General Ojeda. This information, without details, was received at the department of the interior today.

Reports from Mazatlan indicate a deplorable condition among wounded federalists who are too numerous to be accommodated in the military hospital and for whom there are neither medicines nor nurses. The wounded are victims of encounters with the rebels against whom they appear to have been able to defend the city up to the present. There was said to be a shortage of food and many lie in the open, day and night, with but scant attention.

H. M. S. Melpomen arrived in Vera Cruz today and exchanged salutes with the forts. The detonations at first alarmed the people, whose fears that a bombardment was in progress, were allayed by the British consul. The captain of the vessel probably will pay a visit of courtesy to the local authorities tomorrow as well as to the commander of the forts.

A committee of the chamber of deputies today was appointed by the speaker to work for the pacification of the country. A sub-committee will be chosen to go to the north and confer with the rebels under Orozco.

OFFICER FALLS FROM CAR AND IS KILLED

NEW YORK, May 2.—Lieutenant Ray Straith McDonald, U. S. A., died in a Brooklyn hospital tonight as the result of a fractured skull, sustained in a fall from a trolley car.

Lieutenant McDonald, who was stopping with his bride at a Brooklyn hotel, attempted to board a car at the Brooklyn end of the bridge, when his foot slipped and he was hurled against an elevated railroad pillar.

TAFT PAYS TRIBUTE TO PERSONAL AIDE

Affecting Scene at Memorial Services for Major Butt at Augusta, Georgia.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 2.—President Taft and Augusta paid tribute today to Major Archibald Butt, the presidential personal aide who was lost in the wreck of the Titanic.

Augusta was Major Butt's home. For several hours business was practically suspended while memorial services were conducted in a theater. Flags were at half-mast on most of the public buildings and thousands of persons crowded around the theater anxious to hear President Taft speak.

The president was visibly affected by the tributes paid Major Butt. There were tears in his eyes as he called up memories of the man who was his aide ever since he entered the White House.

Mr. Taft made only a short address, but he came near breaking down twice. "Never did I know how much he was to me until he was dead," said the president. "Lacking nothing of self-respect and giving up nothing he owed to himself, he conducted himself with a singleness of purpose to the happiness and comfort of the president who was his chief. When he became one of my official family he was as a son or a brother."

Mr. Taft told how he met Major Butt first in the Philippines and later as aide to President Roosevelt. He dwelt on Major Butt's devotion to Mr. Roosevelt and to himself.

"It has always seemed to me," said the president, "that Archie never married because he loved his mother so. The greatest sorrow of his life was when she left him."

Mr. Taft concluded with a word as to Mr. Butt's spirit of self-sacrifice. "Self-sacrifice," he said, "had become part of his nature. If Archie could have selected his time to die he would have taken the one God gave him."

ST. THOMAS BRANCH OPENED TO TRAFFIC

Special to The Tribune.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—The new St. Thomas branch of the Salt Lake railroad, extending twenty-one miles from Moapa, Nev., on the main line south to St. Thomas, will be opened to traffic tomorrow. The territory reached by this branch is known as the muddy valley and is watered by the Colorado river. It is said to be rich and to produce practically all the early vegetables that find their way into the markets of Salt Lake City and cities in that vicinity. The Santa Fe officially announced their plans to build into this section, but abandoned the plan when it was learned that the Salt Lake road had its branch almost completed.

Aviator Injured.

FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE, Germany, May 2.—Robert Sommer, while testing a monoplane today tried to glide and when landing fell and was dangerously injured.

FEUD MAY BEAT G. O. P. AT POLLS, KEARNS FEARS

Former Senator Deplores the Fight in Party Precipitated by Bitter Attacks of Roosevelt.

BELIEVES TAFT WILL WIN THE NOMINATION

Finds That Financial Condition of Country Is Sound, but Says Money Is Waiting.

THAT conditions, unless quickly mended, will defeat the Republican party at the coming national election, is a conviction spreading throughout the eastern part of the United States. Former Senator Thomas Kearns, who returned Thursday morning from a business trip to New York and other eastern points, when seen last night and asked about the situation politically and financially, said:

As you know, the political situation is a badly confused one, but from the present outlook, in view of the personalities being indulged in by the two leading candidates for the presidential nomination, there is great danger of the Republican party's losing the election. This is especially true if the Democrats are wise enough to take advantage of the situation when they come to nominating their ticket.

Taft to Get Nomination.

Everything points to the fact that President Taft will secure the nomination at the Chicago convention, but he will have to fight for it. A great many regret the campaign of bitter personalities that has been waged between President Taft and Roosevelt, but Roosevelt was the aggressor and brought such a condition about. President Taft has all the dignity and attributes that make him worthy of the high office which he holds, but he was obliged to take the stump and defend himself when he was personally attacked.

Investor Still Timid.

The financial condition of the country is splendid, it never was better, but the attacks upon corporations and the widespread criticism of practically all enterprises in which capital is necessarily involved have made the investor timid, and he is putting his money away in bank until the situation clears sufficiently to justify him in making investments. The country is full of money, but it is waiting. There have been numerous very favorable reports current during the past week or two in regard to the Silver King Coalition property of Park City. Senator Kearns says that the company is shipping a large tonnage, the operating expenses being much reduced through the successful operation of the electrical equipment which has been installed throughout the mine. Reports of mine conditions generally are extremely satisfactory.

STRIKING PRESSMEN HAMPER NEWSPAPERS

CHICAGO, May 2.—Owing to differences between the pressmen of Chicago Newspaper Webb Pressmen's union No. 7 and the Chicago local of the American Newspaper Publishers association, afternoon papers today were unable to get out their regular editions until late in the day. Members of the pressmen's union were not on duty at the morning newspaper offices tonight, but it was said the regular editions would be published.

Another difficulty was met by the newspapers this afternoon when the wagon drivers refused to make their deliveries until the pressmen's dispute had been settled. A limit has been set by publishers on the number of deliveries to be made by wagons tomorrow morning. Extra policemen are being held in readiness to curb violence should any occur. As yet there has been no trouble.

The publishers tonight report that they have the situation well in hand, that non-union pressmen from other cities are applying for work and that the Chicago offices will have full complements of men within a few days.

JEALOUSY CAUSE OF MURDER AND SUICIDE

TULSA, Okla., May 2.—Arthur J. Colligan of Pittsburg, Pa., today stabbed and killed Miss Belle Hopkins of Tulsa and after cutting his throat, jumped from a second story window and is said to be fatally injured.

Colligan came here to accept a position as cashier of the local gas company. He had been attentive to Miss Hopkins, and is said to have quarreled with her.

Government Brings Suit.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Suit against the Federal Sugar Refining company for \$116,000 was filed by the government in the federal district court today. The amount represents alleged back duties on importation of sugar entered at the custom house between 1902 and 1909, a difference due to the recently discovered errors in the original liquidated weights. Through an error in the drafting of the paper it appeared that the suit was for full value instead of back duties.